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### **County commissioners hold public hearings on Clark County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan**

Vancouver, WA – The Board of Clark County Commissioners will hold a public hearing beginning Tuesday, July 13, that will focus on final decisions for updating the county's Comprehensive Growth Management Plan. A key issue in finalizing the plan revolves around the analysis of capital facilities related to the land use map the commissioners approved in January 2004, which designates potential urban growth boundaries for the county's seven cities.

The state's Growth Management Act requires the county to have a six-year plan for facilities that support growth and clearly identify the public money to pay for them. Consequently, in adopting the county's final land use map, the commissioners will consider the analysis regarding water, sewers, stormwater, parks, transportation, schools, police, and fire as they determine whether to:

- Adopt the land use map as currently proposed;
- Phase in new urban areas through "urban holding" designations, which would delay development until capital facilities can be provided; OR
- Adjust the land use map to reflect the findings on capital facilities.

The county has established this tentative schedule to facilitate an orderly review of the remaining issues.

- Tuesday, July 13, 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 4 p.m.: Testimony from representatives of cities, agencies, and other service providers regarding capital facilities
- Tuesday, July 27, 1 – 5 p.m., 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.: Testimony from property owners and all interested parties regarding proposed land use changes inside existing urban growth areas (i.e., "2004 dockets")
- Tuesday, August 3, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.: Additional testimony regarding capital facilities, proposed land use map, land use policy, and code changes
- Wednesday, August 4, 1:30 – 4:30 p.m., 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.: Additional testimony

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- Monday, August 9, 9 – 11:30 AM, 1:30 – 5 p.m.: Complete testimony, begin commissioner deliberations
- Tuesday, August 10, 10 a.m. – noon, 1 – 4 p.m.: Commissioners conclude deliberations and take action

All sessions take place at the Clark County Public Service Center, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

Clark County adopted the current comprehensive plan in December 1994 in response to state legislation requiring fast-growing counties to plan for the population anticipated over a 20-year timeframe. The process to update the plan has been under way since mid-2000. Funds made available through the Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development have supported the update process.

More information about the capital facilities analysis and comprehensive plan review activities are available on Clark County's Web site at [www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html](http://www.clark.wa.gov/longrangeplan/review/index.html) or by contacting Clark County's Long Range Planning Division at (360) 397-2375 ext. 4993. If you need assistance or auxiliary aids, please contact Clark County's ADA Office at (360) 397-2025, TTY (360) 397-2445, or e-mail [ADA@clark.wa.gov](mailto:ADA@clark.wa.gov).

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